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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 8, 2001, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

16. The process according to Claim 1 wherein said hydrocarbon feedstock comprises 100 ppm to 10000 ppm of sulfur-containing molecules.

17. The process according to Claim 1 wherein said hydrocarbon feedstock comprises dienes.

18. The process according to Claim 1 wherein said hydrocarbon feedstock comprises 20-120 ppm dienes.

19. The process according to Claim 1 wherein said hydrocarbon feedstock is selected from light FCC gasoline, coker streams and pygas streams.

20. The process according to Claim 1 wherein said hydrocarbon feedstock is light FCC gasoline.